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SUBJECT: ALLEGED ARREST OF ROBERTO BERGALLI: REQUEST  
FOR USG ASSISTANCE

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY GROUP OF PROFESSORS FROM CRIMINOLOGICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTES OF UNIVERSITIES OF BONN AND COLOGNE WITH A REQUEST FOR USG TO APPROACH ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT TO EXPRESS INTEREST IN THE CASE OF ROBERTO BERGALLI (DPOB: JANUARY 23, 1936, BUENOS AIRES).

2. ACCORDING TO PROFESSORS WHO APPROACHED EMBASSY, BERGALLI IS A DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF JURISPRUDENCE. HE TAUGHT AT UNIVERSITY OF BUENOS AIRES IN 1973/74. HE WAS ALLEGEDLY ARRESTED APRIL 20, 1976, HAS NOT BEEN CHARGED WITH ANY CRIME, AND IS JAILED UNDER HARSH CONDITIONS.

3. ITALIAN AND SPANISH EMBASSIES IN BUENOS AIRES ARE REPORTED TO HAVE INTERVENED ON BERGALLI'S BEHALF, AS HAVE SEVERAL DISTINGUISHED

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ACADEMICIANS.

4. PROFESSORS CLAIM THAT BERGALLI HAS BEEN OFFERED A PROFESSORSHIP AT UNIVERSITY OF COLOGNE IF ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT WILL RELEASE HIM AND PERMIT HIM TO TRAVEL TO FRG.

5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION WHICH WE CAN USE IN REPLYING TO THIS REQUEST FOR USG ASSISTANCE.  
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